Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the basic industry in South Dakota providing the markets and the raw material for almost the entire economy of the state; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota can prosper only as the agricultural industry has the purchasing power to absorb the goods and services needed and markets and transportation to handle the produce raised; and,

WHEREAS, Farmer-owned cooperatives are a basic part of our American private enterprise system which help individual farmers retain their identity and strength; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives have made a substantial contribution to the development of a progressive agricultural economy in South Dakota, providing the means by which farmers can increase their bargaining power and achieve economic recognition in the market place; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives have not only benefited the agricultural industry but the general public as well--by placing priority on people, making them a vigorous part of the American business system:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1988 as

COOPERATIVE MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge an understanding and recognition of the achievements and services of cooperatives in our state..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE